

REMARKS

The Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated January 6, 2005, has been received and carefully considered. Claims 1-24 are pending in the present application. Reconsideration of the outstanding objection to the drawings in the present application is respectfully requested based on the following remarks.

I. THE OBJECTION TO THE DRAWINGS

On page 2 of the Office Action dated June 9, 2004, the drawings were objected to for failing to include Figure 22.

Figure 22 was inadvertently omitted when the present application was filed. However, it is respectfully submitted that the specification fully supports Figure 22, and that the entry of Figure 22 as indicated in Appendix A will not introduce new matter. Thus, entry of Figure 22 as indicated in Appendix A is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully requested that the aforementioned objection to the drawings be withdrawn.

II. CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance, and an early indication of the same is courteously solicited. The

Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned by telephone at the below listed telephone number, in order to expedite resolution of any issues and to expedite passage of the present application to issue, if any comments, questions, or suggestions arise in connection with the present application.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR § 1.136 is hereby made.

Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account No. 50-0206, and please credit any excess fees to the same deposit account.

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APPENDIX A

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IN THE DRAWINGS:

Please add Figure 22 as indicated in attached Appendix A.